

New Horizon Digest

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"O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge." Quran (20:14)

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From the Principal's Pen...

"Our Children Our Future"

Assalamu-Alaikum. Everyone and once again welcome to another exciting year at New Horizon School-Los Angeles. Another summer came and went, another school year begun, with time to bring the students back to school, time to get some order back in the house.

At this time, I would like to take a moment to welcome all the new families to New Horizon School-Los Angeles, along with the returning ones. Alhamdulillah, we have 16 new students who joined us this year. I would like to welcome our prestigious teaching staff from last year, with a new member Tamera Wong to teach our first grade this year. the board and the new PTO officers and room parents who are excited to start their new responsibilities.

Once again the blessed month of Ramadan is here and this year NHSLA has much to be thankful for the new students, the new and the returning staff that comes with a renewed spirit and much energy, geared up and ready, the board, the PTO, and of course the parents – without whom, the school would not exist. The dedication that all of these parties have shown towards the betterment of the school is truly remarkable.

With the early start of Ramadan this year we could not schedule our Back to School night and the PTO meeting. Do get ready as these events are coming up soon after we finish Ramadan. We had a successful Family Iftar with most of the parents and students in attendance. The teachers had decorated their classrooms and the PTO decorated the lobby and the auditorium. All this made the students happy as it gave a festive look to the school.

During Ramadan we are having special Quranic recitation activities for children who are fasting. Now we are preparing for the Eid Fun Day as well as the Eid-ul-Fitr field trip to Chuck-e-Cheese and the first PTO meeting of the year.

Once again, welcome to this new school year and brace yourselves for an extremely busy and eventful year. As September fades away and October dawns on us, I urge everyone to keep warm and drink plenty of fluids to stay healthy as the cold season is on its way. When its gets cold please make sure all children come to school with sweaters or sweatshirts as they may get cold when they play outside. Not wearing proper sweater or school sweats will lead them to getting uniform violations.

Shahida Alikhan-Principal

Values and its Aspects

September Self Restraint & Control

- * Think before you act.
- * Control your actions and temptations.
- * Control your words and habits.
- * Control your anger.

October Responsibility

- * Be responsible towards Allah before anybody else.
- * Be responsible for your body, your belongings and the environment.
- * Be responsible for your actions, duties, school and knowledge.
- * Be responsible for your time and your money

Save the Date

Join us for our Fall Benefit Dinner and The First Gala Gathering of New Horizon Alumni on Saturday November 15th, at 6:30 pm at the ICSC. Call 213-480-3145 for the tickets.

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Pre-School News

Assalamu-Alaikum. Warm welcome and greetings of peace to all the preschool children and their wonderful families. I am Ms. Zainab, and I teach Pre-school. I want to invite you to be a part of the informative and challenging world filled with the spirit of excitement and learning in our Pre-School.

The Preschoolers and we teachers spend the first few weeks to get acquainted with each other making friends. Every child is unique and special to us. The Pre-Schoolers are developing communication, identification and memorization skills and are responding well to instruction. The children are also getting used to the daily routine of the class and school.

We have started to learn our letters and numbers and have done the letters A-C, Numbers 1-3. In Islamic Studies, the children are learning Surah's from Quran "Al-Fatiha" and "Al-Ikhlaas", the names of five prayers and some basic Islamic rules along with Islamic songs. In Arabic studies, they are learning the basic spoken Arabic words. Children are encouraged to express their imagination through arts and craft, coloring and painting.

Finally thanks to the parents who came for the "Iftar Potluck". Once again, I would like to welcome all the children to the threshold of knowledge of creative learning through our daily experiences. Finally, we appreciate your co-operation towards the well-being of our school and for the education of our children.

Zainab Nigehbani

Pre-Kindergarten News

Welcome to the new school year. I am Tanveer Hadi and I will be responsible for the Pre-Kindergarten class.

We started the new school with 18 very energetic group of children. This year is special as we have started the school year with the month of Ramadan.

First Week of school was introduction, getting to know each other and making friends. For all the students it was a period of adjustments after a long summer break. School, classroom and playground rules were enforced and repeated for 2 weeks and the children soon adapted to the routine.

As we are learning about the festivities and importance of the blessed month, the students are learning to share and be generous. Thank you for attending the Iftar Potluck, it was nice to see all my parents. The students are excited to have gift exchange for the Eid and they are all excited and looking forward to go to Chucky -e-cheese.

We got started by developing our fine motor skills by tracing on the dotted lines. Alphabet, numbers, shapes and colors are introduced every week. Story time is everyday as stories are important to enhance the comprehension and stimulate language development.

We had a bicycle safety presentation as in school field trip and the children learned about safety. As October is fire safety month the Pre-Kindergartners will be learning about fire safety drill STOP,DROP AND ROLL. We will also schedule a presentation on fire safety by inviting our local fire fighters or if I have enough parents who are willing to drive us we will take our kids to a nearby fire station. Please contact the office if you can put in your volunteer hours by giving a chance for us to visit the Fire station.

I want to welcome my new students Arman and Mohamad to our Pre-K family.

Parents the best way for you to know all about your children is to keep reading all the flyers that are sent, especially the weekly bulletin as it will keep you up to date. If you have any questions please call me or you can email me at tanveerhadi@hotmail.com. Looking forward to a great year.

Tanveer Hadi

Kindergarten News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum and welcome back to school. Our new session is in full swing. Kindergartners are trying to adjust themselves to the dress rules and regulations.

All students were really excited to start Kindergarten as we were discussing "Our First Day Feelings" in Social Studies class. They are doing great in reading as they are learning sounds and rhyming words.

We will soon be planting seeds in small pots, to see how living things grow and change in our Science class. To inculcate the spirit of the Holy Month of Ramadan we have put our wish list and would really appreciate if you could make your contribution towards it in this month. We will be having parent teacher conference in October. This is a time for us to get together and talk one-on-one about your child's progress. I am looking forward to meet you all at our "Back to School Night". I would like to invite parents to volunteer in class for field trips and school functions. Your participation is greatly valued.

Tahira Zainab

First Grade News

Dear Parents, My name is Tamera Wong and I am excited to be part of the staff here at New Horizon School. It is comforting to know that, like me, students are getting pleasantly adjusted to the classroom rules and school routine. We are definitely getting off into a great start!

I received my Multiple Subject Teaching Credential at California State University of Los Angeles. As a former teacher at Pasadena Unified School District and Alhambra Unified School District, I have gained an invaluable insight into the skill and art of teaching -- it is really the passion that makes all the difference. I hope that my daily energy and passion will instill in our children a life-long love for learning.

My goal is to bring our beginner readers to the level where they need to be at the end of 1st grade and to bring our more advanced readers to a more challenging level, possibly exceeding the 1st grade reading standards. I will surely need parents' support. Assistance with homework and reading daily with your child will help take us to a higher pedestal. I also believe that the minds of students are enriched when we provide learning with hands-on, minds-on activities, an integrated curriculum, and the use of technology. New Horizon School uses all these things and more!

Tamera Wong

Second & Third Grade News

Dear Parents, Assalamu-Alaikum, Ramadan Mubarak!!! Alhamdulillah, we started the New Year with the blessed month of Ramadan and have been following the Ramadan schedule.

Welcome to another exciting new school year at New Horizon-LA. I am Shaheda Irshad, and I teach Science, Reading, Language Art, Vocabulary, and Math for the Second and Third grades. With lots of new exciting, challenging and rewarding curriculum ideas, 2008-2009 promises to be an exciting year for the students. With the guidance from Allah and your support, Insha Allah, I shall strive to make your child become a better student and a good citizen of the world. Together we can make it a successful venture. If a child is provided with a nurturing environment he/she will be encouraged to reach the academic and moral excellence. I believe the learning of a child requires the combined effort of both the parents and the teachers, so let us join hands for the benefit of your child.

As I get to know the students, I want to assure you that I will work to meet their individual needs throughout the year and that our class will be engaging in a variety of group and individual learning activities that all students will be able to benefit from Inshallah.

The responsibility of each student is to study, to maintain, to endure to overcome, and to understand the importance of failure to become successful. There is only one return for hard work, *success*. With work and concentration on the student's part, with involvement in their studies on your part, together we can ensure that their academic experiences this year will not only be enjoyable, but also be very rewarding.

Since we started, the 2nd/3rd Graders are trying to adjust themselves to the daily routine and the students have been working in full swing, in both academics and extra curricular activities. We are starting to do science projects during the science periods in the science lab. They have been enjoying every moment of it.

Since we are on the Ramadan schedule, we will be having the "Back to School Night" after the Eid holidays. I hope you have all received my welcome letter and the supplies list. Please make sure that your child has all their supplies every day and cover all the books, these things are very important. I look forward to working together with you in the days ahead and may Allah help us with our duties to make our children better students and citizens of this world.

Shaheda Irshad

"The deeds most loved by God are those done regularly, even if they are small."

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

Fourth & Fifth Grade News

Assalamu Alaikum, welcome back to school, and Ramadan Mubarak! This has been an interesting first few weeks of school, trying to adjust from those deliciously blissful lazy summer days to the fast-paced, always moving, hectic school routine. With the addition of Ramadan, our routine is even more busy than usual. May Allah bless everyone this Ramadan!

As the last couple of weeks of September roll on through, I want to welcome all of you to the 2008-2009 school year. To all my 4th and 5th grade parents and students, I just want to say, "Welcome to Space! The final frontier!" This first month, of what I imagine will be an incredible school year, has already gotten off to an exciting start. We have ushered in Ramadan, visited Masjid Omar, the Family Iftar Potluck, and are getting ready to celebrate Eid. We are currently exploring the realms of space – the planets, the stars, the moon, as well as the depths of the seas. It is during our explorations that we can truly be amazed at the wonder that Allah (SWT) has created around us! Our young astronauts are gearing up to launch into our Fall Midterm Tests, Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid Fun Day, Back-to-School Night, Parent-Teacher Conferences, and our first Family Night – "Who Wants to be a Champion?" Can you believe all of that will take place soon and it's only going to be the second month of school!

Alhamdulillah this will be an exciting year full of academic, athletic, social, and emotional success for all of us! It will take all of our combined efforts to garner the success for our children that I know they are all capable of achieving. I don't need parent volunteers as such, except for in transportation during field trips. The only thing I ask is that you, the parents, work with your children to ensure homework is completed nightly. As our theme intones "our children, our future." Our children are our future, so let's help make them successful, proud, confident American Muslim citizens in this ever-changing, ever-developing world! Feel free to contact me at nishuhala@yahoo.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Nishat Ali Khan

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We welcome your suggestions, ideas and announcements. Please contact the office at (213) 480-3145 /3149.

Sports News

Dear Parents, our PE program is off to a good start. The students are very enthusiastic and they are doing a very nice job participating in the program. Many of the 4th and 5th graders are fasting. So they are doing a light program. K-5 are learning how to use racquets and doing fitness activities. The younger students are learning a variety of movement skills and learning how to use balls. I would like to remind everyone that PE is on Mondays and Tuesdays and that students need to be in uniform. In order for the students to participate safely and effectively, they need to wear proper shoes. I am looking forward to working with you all during the school year.

Ricky Kabins

Eid Fun Day at Chuck-e-Cheese

Our Eid fun day at Chuck-e-Cheese is scheduled for Thursday October 2nd, from 10 to 12. This is free dress day and a fun-filled day as well. Parents are welcome to join the trip. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Transportation will not be provided for the parents. Please arrange for your own transportation.

We will have class parties and gift exchange after we come back from the trip.



Happy Birthday!

September

Anasse Kherici
Arman Arya
Camilia Ahmed
Shiza Khan

October

Gulsum Karemete
Aqeelah Ahmed
Alisha Islam
Zarinah Salahuddin



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